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TO

His Honoured Friend *J. B.* Esquire.

I Present you with the Picture of a Jesuite, *drawn by the Pencil of the greatest Artizan of State in his time; the Colours I must confess are laid in Water, if the Author had lived to have given it his last hand, they had been laid in Oyl, the Piece is som what course, but very like, in the Scarlet Gown you may observe many folds, and how the four Corner Cap is lined with four Cardinal Vices, Treachery, Ingratitude, Injustice, and Impiety; Here you may observe their Arts of Assassinating of Kings, their Methods of subverting of Kingdoms, and their Intreagues to disseminate Schism and Factions in all Christian Churches and States; Here you may see a Frame of new Axiomes, and what pernitious Maximes they have laid to exterminate all Christianity and Holiness out of the World, and that a great part of their Religion is no other than a Hodge Podge of Paganism and old Errors dressed up by the Rota at* Rome, *after the Mode of a new Olio.*

If these Principles be Evangelical, I shall Lament my Baptism, and put no more Trust in my Creed, I shall bemoan my condition that I was not born a Turk, *and received the* Alcaran.

I agree Sir, it's no golden Age in which we live, and that good men for their Vertues are at a low rate; but I never thought my Constellation to have been so unfortunate as to have seen such a prospect of iniquity as in these Maximes is comprised; and yet the practice of these Persons is worse then their Principles.

I have sometimes seen Satan Pictured in the sacred habit of a Monk, that thereby he might more easily deceive and surprize; but I never before saw a Jesuite in the Robes of Satan to affright; well we live in the very Rust of the Iron *Age, Piety it self is in Exile Integrity gone, and the Branches of the most flourishing Vertues are all toped; But by these Politicks we may discover the Springs which have given motion to all the troubles in England, and that the Jesuits made all the Factions and Schisms in it; I have therefore sometimes wondred that we should so much hate the Jesuite, and yet love the Schism.*

When a Ship is at Sea, though there be great feuds and divisions between the Master and the Maxtimers, yet if a Tempest doth arise, they all forsake their displeasure and apply themselves to save the Ship; how much then are we all concerned to lay aside our divisions and to Unite, for when the Sacred Anchor of Religion is weighed, than is the Ship of the Common-Wealth tossed.

There is nothing which the Jesuits dread so much as our Union, or labour more than our division: Nothing is more excellent in it self than Religion, but to raise Factions and Parties about it, is to rob it of its Glory.

The great design of Christian Religion is to make men happy in the other world, and in order thereunto it teaches us to love one another, to behave our selves with all Sobriety, Righteousness, and Piety in this: The Doctrines

therefore are ſo few and ſo plainly delivered; that they are at this day acknowledged by all ſorts of Chriſtians; they all agree the Apoſtles Creed (which was the old Rule and full Complexion of the Chriſtian Faith) and if men would be perſwaded to preſerve the Ancient Boundaries of Chriſtianity inviolate, and ſuffer the Primitive Simplicity to be reſtored, the great occaſion of Factions and Contention would be cut off, and they would not diſpute for ever about a Lock of Wool, or the Knots of a Bull Ruſh: but inſtead of being extreamly learned in triffles and zealous for Moon-ſhine, they would grow kind and charitable, and lay aſide their Unchriſtian Deviſions, and unreaſonable animoſities one againſt the other; the Foundations of Religion are Eternal Truths, if men would remove intereſt (for it's not Religion, but the Religioniſts and Intereſt which makes all the diviſions amongſt us) and Embrace the true ends of Religion, (Eternal Happineſs) we ſhould have as much Truth and as little Diſpute as in the Mathematicks.

It's admirable to me, that what was deſigned for to make us all happy in another World, ſhould by its diviſions make us moſt miſerable in this; and that which was ordained for the ſaving of mens Souls, ſhould be made uſe of to take away their lives.

It's more decent to ſee Bibles cloathed in ſoft velvet, then to ſee them like Soldiers bound in Buff, and armed with Boſſes of Braſs,

Ab Evangelio armato libera nos Domine.

That is the beſt Religion which makes men good and juſt, and keep them ſo: And be aſſured Sir, they which think to gain any thing by their Religion, but the ſaving of their Souls, will be ſure to be looſers in the end.

Our Union is the ſtrongeſt Bulwark of the Britiſh Church, and the certain Ruin of the Romiſh Intereſt and Power here amongſt us.

It will be therefore an Inſtance of great Prudence to caſt all Piques and Animoſities from among us, that this Kingdom may be like Iebus *and* Salem, *of which was made* Jeruſalem *the City of Peace.*

And be aſſured Sir, Popery can never get into the Church of England, *if our Deviſions do not open the door to it.*

Solutio Unionis eſt Diſſolutio entitatis, *the further we depart from Unity, the nearer approach we make to Nullity, and then* venient Romani, &c. *the Romans will come, &c. I beg your Pardon for this great Interruption to your great and weighty affairs, I am*

Sir,

Your Servant

W. S.

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HERETICAL KINGDOMS and STATES, &c.

I. *When there happens any difference between Princes, they muſt be encouraged therein, and if need be aſſiſtance is covertly to be promiſed to them, and when they are ſufficiently engaged then the beſt advantage is to be made of them.*

ANno 1607. Pope *Paul* the *Fifth* and the State of *Venice* were at great difference, and being embroyled, the *Spaniard* (by the contrivance of our Sacred College) the better to advance their own intereſt, and to make profit of thoſe deviſions, underhand caſt Oyl into the Fire, though openly they made ſhew to extinguiſh it; for on the one ſide, they encouraged the *Venetians* to maintain their rights; and on the other, they commanded the Governors of *Naples* and *Milan* to ſerve the Pope with all their power.

But it's no prudence to ſtand ſo near a great perſon as to be oppreſſed with his ruine, nor ſo far off but when his ruine comes, a wiſe man may be able time enough to riſe upon ſome part of his ruines; when a

Tempeſt overthrows a great Tree every one tears off a branch; therefore you muſt like the Crab keep the door of the Oyſter; make what advantage you can when opportunity ſerves, and you muſt not be nice in taking advantages; Intereſt is that which leads the World in a ſtring; imitate the Hawk which flyes high, yet will deſcend to catch it's Prey, whereas the Lark in it's flight doth nothing but ſing.

II. *Heretical Kings* and *Princes* are to be made away, That by Poiſon is moſt ſafe and ſecure from diſcovery; *Agathocles* was poiſoned with a Tooth-pick; *Joan Albreta* Queen of *Navar* was to be poiſoned with a perfumed pair of Gloves; and the Prince of *Conde* with a Pomander; you may compoſe your Doſe of ſuch Ingredients, as ſhall have their effects at what time you pleaſe.

There are five hundred and thirty Methods of poyſoning found out, you may take out of the Inventory ſuch as are moſt fit for preſent uſe.

There may be ſome difficulty to get admiſſion into the preſence of a great Perſon; but opportunities muſt be taken and contrivances uſed; when there was a deſign to kill *William* Prince of *Orange*, *Anno* 1584. *Balthaſar Gerrard* was imployed by our Holy Conclave to that purpoſe, who brought a Seal (which we had the Art to get for him) from Count *Mansfield* to be delivered to the Prince which gave him admiſſion, and gained him Credit with the Prince and an Advantage to aſſaſſinate him, which he did.

The *Dominican Fryar*, feigning to have Letters of great concern to be delivered unto King *Henry* the *Third* of *France*, was brought into his preſence, and kindly received, he delivered his Letters; as the King was reading them, he thruſt a poyſoned knife into his bowels, of which wound he dyed within few hours after.

If you deſign the Aſſaſſination of any great Perſon, you may imploy ſome Inſtrument to effect it; and then give notice to him of the Aſſaſſination intended againſt him, and by whom; as *Varade Rector* of the *Jeſuites College* in *Clermount* gave notice to *Henry* the *Fourth* of *France*, That *Peter Barter* intended to aſſaſſinate his Majeſty (though the ſaid *Barter* was to that purpoſe imployed by him) by this means you will gain credit and confidence from and admiſſion to the Prince, and ſo you may eaſily effect your deſigns.

After you have committed the Fact, retire and put your ſelves into a diſguiſe; and immediately go to the place where the Aſſaſſination was committed, and make a great buſſel as any in the throng to find out the Aſſaſſin, as *James Michel* the *Scot* did when he had diſcharged his Piſtol at the Perſon of the Arch-biſhop of St. *Andrew*, *Anno* 1668; and be ſure you charge your Enemies with the Fact; this will render them odious, and make your ſelves famous.

As it ought to be your care that *Heretical Princes* be humbled, ſo you muſt be watchful that no *Catholick Prince* doth too much taper up, and agrandize himſelf; for then is the *Papal Intereſt* moſt ſafe, when the Forces and Strength of *Princes* are not greatly unequal; for his Holineſs then

then by declaring on either ſide will aſſuredly keep all in Peace, and may drive on his own Intereſt out of that quarter, where the wind blows faireſt for his advantage; you know it hath been the wiſdom of our holy *Conclave*, That when any *Prince* grows great and potent to pluck off his Feathers, ſetting up ſome Neighbouring Princes to be his Enemies, and uſing all means and methods which may induce him to ſupplicate his Holineſs for aid and mediation.

You muſt have a watchful Eye over *France*, our Congregation of propagating the Faith is not well pleaſed with the *French* Kings deſigns; his purchaſe of *Caſſal* hath created ſome Jealouſies in our *Supreme Council*, That his purpoſes are not very Evangelical.

Our Miſſionaries gave us to underſtand, That the moſt *Chriſtian King* intends the next Campane to carry *Rome* to *Paris*; and make his Holineſs inſtead of *Chriſt*'s Vicar a *French Curate*; therefore you muſt have *Briareus*'s hands to oppoſe his Deſigns, as well as *Argus*'s Eyes to penetrate his Councils, otherwiſe without the help of *Galileus*'s Proſpective, we can foreſee that his Holineſs will be brought from his *Porphery Chair* to the *Stool* of *Repentance*; for there is an old *Prophecy* lately found in the *Vatican*.

Cum cantat Gallus, flebit Petrus.

III. Where a King or Prince is illuſtrious for his eminent Vertues and goodneſs, and no *Faults* or *Crimes* can be charged on him, it will be prudence to charge the Government; you muſt do as a well experienced Captain with a Fort (who not battering the Walls) undermine the Foundation, being ſure that the batlements and walls will all fall at once, without any hazard to himſelf; the foundation of a State is Power, riches and reputation, you muſt undermine theſe, and then you effect your ends.

IV. *Heretical Kingdoms* are to be ruffled and put into diſorder, for they are inrolled in the Popes black Book for deſtruction; burning and firing of houſes in great Cities and Towns are the moſt hopeful ways and beſt Expedients.

Your attempts upon *London* in 1666 by Fireballs was a glorious Act, but it was ineffectual to the main deſign; therefore that great City, being the Magazine for Power and Strength of the Nation, muſt by all your arts be firſt attacked, that being reduced all will be our own, for the whole Nation will follow the Fate of *London*.

The Plague is a ſevere Judgment of God, but the Hereticks worſe; for ſo many Hereticks, ſo many Plagues; the Plague only infects the Body, but Hereſie, like the *Italian*, kills Body and Soul; therefore what his Holineſs cannot do by the Sword of the Spirit; you (being the *Janizaries* of the Church militant) muſt effect by your Arts; proceed in Gods name in this Apoſtolick work; you may put on Saint *Peters* breaſt plate of righteouſneſs, but you muſt know that in all Saint *Pauls* Armory, there is

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no back-piece ; you muſt therefore be reſolved to carry on your deſigns with a high hand, let the Laws of God or the Land ſay what they will to the contrary.

I have hinted theſe things unto you, that you may be invigorated and impowred to proceed couragiouſly, and remember that after you have raiſed the ſtorm, you muſt reſolve not to ceaſe the Tempeſt, till you have blown up the Government in Church and State, Root and Branch.

V. *Liberty* of *Conſcience* is the beſt Expedient to advance the *Catholick Intereſt*; for under that Spiritual ſhield you may preſerve your ſelves; therefore it will be convenient to proclaim Spiritual Liberty, and to reduce Religion in *England*, and in other Heretical Kingdoms into ſo many Atoms, that nothing may unite them in a ſolid Body to oppoſe our deſigns; but if any intereſt as a mighty ſtream ſhall happen to run croſs, you muſt cut it into ſeveral channels and ſmall rivolets to make it fordable for the aſcent of the triple Crown.

VI. *Liberty* of *Conſcience* in the Church will aſſuredly introduce arbitrary power in the State; for *Liberty* being once indulged, the Religion of the Country will preſently be dwindled into Factions and Parties, and every Faction being in a State of hoſtility againſt the other, the Prince for the ſecurity of the publick Peace will be enforced to keep up an Army; therefore after you have framed new *Phainomena*'s of Religion in the one, you may with good ſucceſs compoſe new Schemes of Juſtice, and new Rules of Government according to the Inſtitutes of Tyranny in the other; and when a Nation is weakned by Factions and infeebled by vitious habits, they are then ſufficiently prepared, and made capable to be oppreſſed, and a corrupt State is only proper for a Tyrant to riſe in.

VII. The agrandizing of a City and the Suburbs of it are of great conveniency to advance the Catholick Deſigns, for there they may lodge their own party (without the leaſt ſuſpition) to drive on any deſign; however a great City is the fitteſt Engine to turn an old Monarchy into a new Commonwealth; therefore our ſacred Conclave hath conceived (of which you may make good uſe) that it's more ſafe for a State to have three great Cities in it of equal power, that in caſe one ſhould rebel the other two might ballance, and give Law to the third.

VIII. If any *King* or *Prince* ſhall be obſtinate and not give Obedience to the Pope (by whom Kings reign) then it will be meritorious to bring him into hatred with other Princes, evil Reports muſt be given out of him, he muſt be declared a Heretick, deprived of his Scepter and his Subjects encouraged to arm againſt him, if theſe deviſes will not do, then he muſt be done away by poiſon or otherwiſe.

Therefore *Conradus* claiming the Soveraignty of *Sicily*, which did much diſpleaſe the Pope, his Holineſs to be revenged of him, defamed the ſaid *Conrade*,

Conrade, accuſed him of Hereſie, laid murder to his charge, burthened him with the death, and poyſoning of his own Brother, thereby to make him odious to the World; and having murthered his reputation, gave away his Kingdom of *Sicily* to *Henry* of *England*; you ſee how dextrous his Holineſs was in that excellent Science of Calumny, it makes us think that the *Florentine* (the beſt modern Critick of Polity) drew that arrow (of *andatter caluminare*) out of his Holineſſes's Quiver.

And Pope *Alexander* the *Third* did like himſelf, who having conceived a diſpleaſure againſt *Frederick Barbaroſa* Emperor of *Germany*, perſwaded him to undertake a War againſt the *Turk*, which he did; and being imployed in that War for the good of Chriſtendom, his Holyneſs ſignifyed by his Letters unto the *Sultan*, that he could have no peace while the Emperor lived, and therefore adviſed to kill him, and to that purpoſe ſent him the Emperors Picture, and from time to time gave notice to the *Sultan* of the Emperors quarters, by which means he was ſurpriſed, but the *Sultan* being no friend to his Holineſs acquainted his Imperial Majeſty with all things, and gave him his Picture and Letters which he had received from the Pope, and being ſet at liberty he aſſembled the Princes of *Germany*, and there ſhewed them the Popes Letters and the Picture, which he had ſent to the *Sultan*: but the holy Father to excuſe himſelf, order'd three *Fellows* to ſwear, That the Emperor had imployed three Perſons to aſſaſſinate him; ſo that according to his Holineſſes Politicks, if any perſon ſhall charge you with a Crime, you may ſafely recriminate him with another; whether it be true or falſe it matters not it will expreſs a Gallantry in you, and it will abate the malignity of the accuſation; howſoever it's a good piece of prudence always to be provided with ſome cunning Strategem, either to baffle your Enemies, or to ſecure your ſelf and own Intereſt.

IX. *Conſpiracies* and *Works of Darkneſs* muſt be communicated only by word of mouth, and that ſingly, for nothing is more dangerous and fatal to great Undertakings, than to commit them to Paper, or to communicate them to many.

The Dukes of *Exeter*, of *Holland* and others conſpiring to ſeize upon *Henry* the *Fourth* of *England*, and to reſtore *Richard* the *Second*, who was lately depoſed; the *Conſpirators* did draw up *Articles* between them for their more faithful carrying on the Deſign; but the Duke of *York* diſcovering of a *Paper* (wherein the ſaid *Articles* were written) in the Duke of *Exeter*'s boſom ſeized upon it, and diſcovered the whole *Conſpiracy* to King *Henry* the *Fourth*, which was the ruin and confuſion of the *Conſpirators*; if the *Paper* had not been diſcovered, in all probability *Henry* the *Fourth* had been ſeized on, and *Richard* the *Second* reſtored to his Crown and Dignity.

Severus the *Emperor* being to make War againſt *Niger*, Emperor of the *Eaſt*, he conceived it not ſafe for him to depart from *Rome* till he had contracted a Friendſhip with *Albinus* a *Britain* (a gallant perſon) which he did: then *Severus* marched with his Army into the *Eaſt* againſt *Niger*, the

Roman Senate having a great affection for *Albinus*, many of the *Senators* writ to him to come to *Rome*, and to take poſſeſſion of it in *Severus*'s abſence, and that they would adhere to him: *Severus* having effected his buſineſs in the *Eaſt* returns to *Rome*, falls out with *Albinus*, and in *Gallia* gives battle and defeats him, his Cabinet was taken, wherein were many ſecret Letters to him from the *Senate* and other *Noble Perſons* in favour of him, and diſfavour of *Severus*: this did ſo incenſe *Severus* that it coſt many of them their heads, the loſs of their Eſtates, and the ruin of themſelves and Families.

The Letter which was to be delivered to the Lord *Mountagle*, inſtead of blowing up the *Parliament*, blew up all the hopes and deſigns of the Catholicks in *England*: and how fatal the Letters were which were ſent by the Duke of *Guiſe* (our great Friend) unto the King of *Spain* (during the holy League and by *Henry* the *Third* of *France* intercepted) we need not tell you, therefore you muſt be cloſe in your Enterpriſes, apprehenſive of all advantages, and ſpeedy in execution; for all deſigns, if once made known, they are like mines diſcovered of no uſe: Secreſy and celerity are the two wheels on which all great Actions move: you muſt manage your deſigns ſo, that they may like white powder (as it is ſaid) do execution without report: The Fiſh may be taken with the bait, without diſcovery of the hook.

X. Seeds of *Emulation* and *Diſſention* muſt be ſowed amongſt Princes, that after the example of thoſe Brethren which ſprung out of the Serpents Teeth, they may deſtroy one another; therefore *Sejanus* (to make diſſention the Ladder to clime up to the Empire) ſet variance betwixt *Bruſus* and *Nero*, to the end that the one ſhould take occaſion to deſtroy the other: and the Duke of *Guiſe*, when he deſigned to ſet the Crown of *France* upon his own head, living King *Henry* the *Third*, proffered the Kingdom of *France* to the King of *Navar* next Heir to that Crown, not out of any kindneſs to him, but to breed ſuch diſtruſt and jealouſies betwixt the two Kings, that the one might let ſlip no occaſion that might prove the deſtruction and overthrow of the other, and ſo the Duke might the better drive on his own deſigns and purpoſes to obtain that Crown. And you muſt take notice that all Wars raiſed between *Catholick Princes* are by us contrived to be but as decoys to draw *Heretical Princes* into ruine and deſtruction, and are by us uſed as deluſory mediums drawn before their Eyes, that we may more ſecurely advance the deſigns of our Supreme Council: You muſt make it your work to ſet Friends at Jars, Allies at Variance, and Confederates at Diſſention.

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XI. It will be a great Inſtance of prudence to wind your ſelves into Ambaſſadors and the Chief Miniſters of State: you may repreſent in what diſguiſe you pleaſe the particular State of affairs abroad, which you may make to appear white, when they are black; clear, when cloudy; and *e contra*, as moſt ſubſervient to your ends: theſe notices being prudently communicated, many times beget differences between Princes, howſoever they will create Jealouſies.

By Orders of our Supreme Council, Twelve Jeſuites (the moſt conſiderable for their happy conduct of affairs) were ſent into *Holland* to acquaint the *Dutch*, That the Prince of *Orange* deſigned to make himſelf King of the United Provinces, which did ſo influence and alarm the *Hogan Mogans* (for they dread nothing more than a King) that they forthwith begged Peace of his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, which was granted to them; and thereby the Alliance of the Confederates was broken, and ſuch a Feud was raiſed between the Prince and the States, and ſuch jealouſies amongſt all the Confederates, that he thought himſelf happy, that upon any Terms he could obtain Peace, which aſſuredly would have endangered the Empire, if the moſt Chriſtian King by the ſegacity and contrivance of our ſacred Conſiſtory had not been diſappointed in his purpoſes: therefore you may obſerve of what admirable conſequence theſe Arts are of, if managed with prudence: it matters not whether your Information be true or falſe: it will have the ſame effect, if you take your meaſures right.

The Holy Father of *Rome* doth many times to good purpoſe diſſeminate differences between the Marqueſs of *Brandenburgh*, the *Landsgrave* of *Heſſen*, the Duke of *Saxony* the Duke of *Brunſwick*, the Count *Palatine* of the *Rhine* and other Princes and States in *Europe*, and being full of fears and jealouſies amongſt themſelves, they rarely can effect any thing againſt the Papal Intereſt, for their weakneſs is his Strength, and where his Holineſs cannot eſtabliſh his own power, he endeavours to give diſturbance and diſquiet to all others.

XII. Enthuſiaſtical Raptures and Pretences of Divine Inſpirations are of great uſe to advance intereſt and carry on deſigns.

Pope *Celeſtine* being choſen Pope (but a ſimple Perſon) *Boniface* contrives a Tube by which in the night he did ſend a voice into his Chamber, ſignifying to his Holineſs, That he was an Angel ſent from Heaven, and had command to order him to leave the Popedom, and retire to ſuch an Iſland, and there live in his ſolitude the remainder of his Life, which at firſt diſturbed his Holineſs; but hearing the voice and command three times he conſulted with ſome of the Cardinals, which had a deſire to be rid of him, and to have *Boniface* Pope, they told him it could be no

deluſion,

deluſion, hearing it three times, but a Meſſage from Heaven, and therefore adviſed him to give over his charge and obey the command, which he did; and *Boniface* was afterwards elected Pope, and called *Boniface* the *Eight*.

Mahomets Falling Sickneſs was of great uſe to him, for he pretended thoſe fits were nothing but heavenly Raptures, in which he converſed with the Angel *Gabriel*; his Pidgeon, which he taught to feed at his Ear, he gave out to be the Holy Ghoſt (by whom he was inſtructed in the Law which he was to publiſh) made his *Alcoron* Oraculer, the Holy Pretences of the Maid of *Orleans* beat the *Engliſh* out of *France*, and thoſe devout Raptures of *Kemitius* King of *Scotland* regained him his Kingdom from the *Picts*.

When you have concluded of any miſchievous Deſign, for a blind to the people, you muſt appoint a day of humiliation to enquire of God, what is to be done.

Pious *Frauds* are of excellent uſe to promote any Deſign, a holy and religious pretence will authenticate the moſt helliſh enterprize; and it will make you ſmile to obſerve how the people will be taken with the gaiety of a godly pretence.

Therefore that proſperous cheat, the pretenſion to Holineſs and Divine Inſpirations muſt be carefully preſerved; and all ſucceſful wickedneſs muſt be referred to the impulſes of the Spirit, Return of Prayer, or Calls of Providence; the People are ductile, and eaſily drawn to any deſign, when they think Heaven is in the Plot, and God is one Party thereof; therefore,

-----Quoties vis fallere Plebem,

Finge Deum----

Nothing did more inſinuate the Laws of King *Minos* into the *Cretans*, than the pretence of his Dialogue with *Jupiter*; and the Holy Father St. *Ignatius* our glorious Founder left a Journal or Writing, how things paſſed between the Holy Ghoſt and Himſelf, and the Viſions are there ſet down wherewith he was inſpired, when he made his Conſtitutions, which have inworthyed them to all Poſterity; this religious Simplicity and holy Reverence of Heaven in the minds of the people muſt be nouriſhed; for it is the firſt Step to facilitate and promote miſchievous Deſigns.

XIII. It

XIII. It will be prudence to uſe all endeavours to inſinuate your ſelves into the Prieſts, and to make ſo many of them as you can to your Party, and to ſerve ends, they will be of great uſe; for no Hereſie, Schiſm or Rebellion can ſpread or get footing in a Nation but by them; for theſe are the Men which are beſt able to drive on any deſign, they have a great influence upon the People, and what they ſay or do it paſſes for Oracular, and is thought worthy to be followed, they rule over the Conſcience which is the Rudder that ſteers the actions and thoughts of men, and they can turn it as the wind blows for their advantage, they can make the beaſt with many heads conceive according to the colour of thoſe rods they uſe to caſt before them.

Therefore they who have the Prieſts on their ſide may eaſily draw the reſt of the people after them; there hath been rarely any diſtemper in a State, which hath not been derived from, or advanced by, them: when *Iſabel* Queen of *Edward* the *Second* of *England* had raiſed an Army againſt the King her Husband., the Biſhop of *Hereford* (the better to countenance the buſineſs) preached before her and her Army, and took his Text out of the 2 *Kings chap.* 24. *My Head aketh*; who concluded, that an aking and ſick Head of a Kingdom was of neceſſity to be taken off, and not otherwiſe to be cured; you ſee what an excellent gift the cogging of a Dye is, to make the word ſpeak what they pleaſe; though this was a rotten Doctrine, yet being well gilt and varniſhed, it ſerved to abuſe the credulity of the people, and to juſtifie the Iniquity of the action; there is no maſk becomes innovation or rebellion ſo well as religion: this ſanctifies the moſt pernitious deſigns; let the enterpriſe be as black as Hell, if it be influenced by a Luminary of the Church, with the help of a ſpiritual *focus*, it will ſeem to the Opticks of the vulgar as white as innocency; all the floods of miſery have been much ſwelled by their Holy-water: The times under *Dioclefian* were *Pagan*, under *Conſtantine Chriſtian*, under *Conſtantius Arrian*, under *Julian Apoſtate*, under *Jovinian Chriſtian* again: And all theſe changes and alterations from the influence of the Prieſts; there cannot be better Trumpets in the World to raiſe up Rebellion or Sedition than they; the preaching *Fryars* and *Monks* were the Chief Incendiaries of the *Cataloniaus* to their revolt, *Hernado de Auralos*, and *Juan de Padilla* in the *Spaniſh* Civil Wars againſt *Charles* the *Fifth* imployed ſome *Friars* to rail againſt the Government in their Pulpits, and ſo to ſtir up the people to war, which according to expectation took fire in *Toledo*.

Therefore you may obſerve of what grand concern it is to have the Prieſts our Friends; what cometh from the Pulpit, the people look upon as Oracles of Heaven, when many times they are nothing but the deluſion of Impoſtors; therefore you muſt imploy your care to engage ſuch as are hopeful and well affected to us and our enterpriſe.

XIV. It will be diſcretion ſometimes to keep touch in ſmall matters, the better to deceive in matters of great concern: therefore the Duke of *Guiſe*, when he intended a Rebellion againſt *Henry* the *Third* of *France* and to ſet the Crown on his own Head adviſed all his Friends and Kinſmen, That they ſhould ſhew their Obedience in ſmall things, and in matters of no moment to the *French* King, that they might be truſted in matters of more weight and profit, to the furtherance of his and their deſigns: It will be no advantage to be over honeſt, you may obſerve juſt men grow lean and poor by their Integrity: and ſuch as inrich themſelves with publick ſpoils, and eat out the very bowels of a Nation wax fat.

XV. Great perſons muſt not be touched, if they be, they muſt be made ſure from taking revenge.

Therefore *Alexander* did juſtly in putting *Philotas* to death, becauſe if he had pardoned him, it would have inabled him to have attempted new Treaſons againſt him, when it would not have been in his power to pardon them; where a man of courage is accuſed and impriſoned, it's more dangerous to abſolve him, than to condemn him, and nothing is more dangerous than to bring a great courage to the place of Execution, and then grant him his Pardon; for he will always remember the affront and forget the pardon: *Henry* the *Fourth* of *France* being adviſed to baniſh Marſhal *Byron*, ſaid well, *That a Firebrand caſts more Flame and Smoak without a Chimney than within it*, *Dion* being baniſhed *Syracuſe* by *Dionitius Junior*, and *Coriolanus* from *Rome*, they made moſt bloody Wars againſt their own Country, but dead men make no War; *Carminiola* Captain General of the *Venetians* army, having defeated the Duke of *Milan*'s Forces, they finding that he was but cold in the proſecution of the War; they thought it not prudence to caſhier him, for then they might loſe what they had gotten, but conceived the ſafer courſe was to put him to death, which they did: The *Carthaginians* (*Amilcar* their General having concluded a Peace with *Agathocles* the *Syracuſan*, which did much diſpleaſe them) did forbear publickly to condemn him, whilſt he was in command; yet they paſſed their Sentence againſt him in the *Senate*) and ſealed it up in their *Urn*, not to be made known till he returned to a private condition: It is an Oracle of Truth, *That the middle courſe in Caſes of Extremity is always dangerous.*

XVI. If

XVI. If you deſign the Ruin of any great Perſon that ſtands in your way, you muſt whiſper amongſt the Populacy ſome approbious accuſation againſt him, as it were privately, by this ſeeming Suppreſſion, men impatient of Secrecy will more eagerly divulge it, and the danger will appear the greater by an affected ſilence, the Calumnies and Suſpitions muſt be ſo contrived, that they may force the party to ſome courſe in his own defence, and by ſecuring himſelf increaſe the publick fears, and then he may ſafely be deſtroyed.

XVII When a People are diſpoſed to Faction, force Unites them, whereas if they be left to themſelves, they will fall into civil Diſſentions: This is manifeſt in the late diſtempers of *England*.

XVIII. After you are perfectly inſtructed by what means an Heritical State hath attained unto Grandeur croſs their Councils and Deſigns in the uſe of thoſe means, and you will aſſuredly bring deſtruction to it.

If a State doth ſupport its Credit by the general Reputation of its Riches, as the *Spaniard* by his Wealth from the *Indies*, let it be ſhew'd that it's poor and needy, and let it's Wealth be Intercepted; are there wiſe Governours and Magiſtrates placed in the Dominions to contain the Subjects in Obedience, and Neighbours in fear? ſend Fire-Brands, and Authors of Sedition amongſt the Subjects of that State.

XIX. Nothing doth more advance Intereſt then the ſhadow of Religion, but the Reality of it doth many times hurt; therefore you muſt be able to make uſe of Religion to ſerve your ends, and to lay it aſide, as need ſhall require; never intend any good beyond appearance; you may pretend Affection to Religion, not thereby to Contract a Friendſhip with Heaven; but that you may more eaſily carry on deſigns, you muſt uſe Religion for a Styrup to get into the Sadle, and ſo upon the back of Honour, not as *Jacobs* Ladder to Climb up to Heaven by; injoy you the Temporal Bleſſings and Advantages of Religion, let others expect a Crown and the Land of Promiſe.

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The Glory of the See of *Rome* grew up by the Popes taking upon them the Honour to be *Vindices Canonum*; the ſtrickt Preſervers of the Antient Diſcipline of the Church, which took extreamly well with the People, till in the end from being chief Labourers in the Vineyard, the became Landlords, which was the Honour aimed at; and at laſt obtained by *Boniface*, whom *Phocas* made head of the Church; and it may be truly ſaid, that they have as great command now, under the pretence of Religion, as ever they had formerly by force of Arms, ſo truly was it ſaid by *Proſper of Acquitaine.*

Roma Caput Mundi quicquid non poſſidet armis,
Religione tenet-----.

XX. When any unwarrantable Action is in deſign, for the better affecting of it, the People muſt be made, and fit Inſtruments prepared; the Duke of *Mayen* at *Paris* had never contained the Rable in their devotion to him, had he not uſed the Help and Furtherance of *Martal Campan*, *Nally*, *Rowland* and *Baſſy* the Prieſts, Inſtruments of his fury and Miſleaders of the Ignorant and Seditious Multitude; the People are the Anvil whereon all ſorts of Hammers ſtrike, its a work of no difficulty to perſwade them to any thing (eſpecially if it be hallowed and influenced by a Holy Star) you may like *Orpheus* draw the brutiſh Vulgar (moſt capable of Sedition) to Dance after whatſoever they are tuned unto) eſpecially if they be skrewed up to the hopes of preferments; they never ſee behind the Curtain.

A deep contrivance agrees not with the impatience of the Vulgar, to whom ſpeedy undertakings ſeem always moſt Heroick; ſlow yet ſure practices, are interpreted by them as the motion of falſe and baſe ſpirits; but nothing prevails with them more then the hope of gain; if you ſhall be Obliged to disburſe Money to them, you muſt uſe it as Anglers do their Fiſh to catch more, It will be the teſt of Prudence to deal with the Inſtruments of your deſigns, as men do by their Candles, burn them to the *S*nuff, and then having lighted another, tread that under foot, and after you have effected your ends, you muſt forget the boſom which warmed you.

XXI. Give

XXI. Give a fair Compliance to the times wherein you live; *Fenita eſt omnis homo*; to paſs a dangerous Wood ſafely, its lawful to put on ſuch skins as the beaſts have which haunt thoſe Woods, if the Hill will not come to *Mahomet*, *Mahomet* will go to the Hill; you need not boggle at the taking of any Oath, or going to Church, or receiving the Sacrament; Church Papiſts and Catholicks in *Maſcorade* may highly contribute to the Catholick Intereſt.

You muſt learn to ſwallow down Oaths with as much celerity as *Lazarello de Tormes* could a *Sawcidge*; if you will bring your deſignes into a ſafe harbour, you muſt ſwear as the Tide ſerves; ſtreatch your conſcience rather than looſe your Intereſt; Imitate the old Marqueſs of *Wincheſter*, rather bow then break; Perjury and Hypocriſy are the only Clymax by which men aſcend to Grandeur; The *Grecian Lyſander* was in the right, when he ſaid that Oaths were invented to deceive men, as falſe play Children; and it was a good rule of the *Priſcillians*.

Jura, Perjura, ſecretum prodere noli:

Swear and forſwear,
But from diſcovering your Deſigns forbear.

You muſt always be provided with ſome running Subterfuge and Evaſion to elude any thing which may invade your Intereſt, or impeach your Reputation and Credit.

Get to be always of the prevailing Faction; a zealous Profeſſor of the Opinions in faſhion; diſguiſe all your Actions with a Religious Dreſs; put on the white Robe of Innocency, to conceal the blackneſs of your Attempts; your words muſt be put in a ſpiritual Quirpo, and *Protheus* like aſſume that ſhape which is moſt in Grace, and of moſt profitable conducement to your ends: you may imitate the Cat in the Epologue, who being transformed into a *Gentlewoman*, when a Mouſe came by made at it. and catched it, ſo let your Garb and Dreſs be never ſo fine and religious in appearance, if any prey comes in your way you know what you have to do.

XXII. Make uſe of Libels, falſe Reports, and Acuſations, which are alwayes Proemial to deſtruction and Ruine, for they are excellent Weapons in the hands of a cunning Artiſt to carry on deſignes, blot the Dignity of any perſon (who thereby is rendred Contemrable and Odious) Deſtruction will eaſily follow, by this Art the Abbots and Fryers (the beſt of men) in *Henry* the eights Reign were ruined in *England*; the Templars in the time of *Philip* the Fair of *France* were deſtroyed, and

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their order Suppreſt; if the perſon which is to be Supplanted cannot be attacked with down right battery by reaſon of his Grandure or Integrity, if you cannot take the main Fort, try if you can poſſeſs your ſelves of the out Works, raiſe ſome prejudice againſt his Diſcretion or other parts, and if you can bring him into Contempt you have done your work; thus they dealt with *Socrates* amongſt the Antients, when they could not Suppreſs his Reputation hyred *Ariſtophanes* a Comick Poet to perſonate him on the Stage and by inſinuation of thoſe interludes inſenſibly conveyed firſt a contempt then a hatred of him in the hearts of the People.

When *Ziba* had a purpoſe to Undermine *Mephiboſeth* in his eſtate; he firſt practiſed upon his fame in a falſe Accuſation. 2. *Sam.* 16. 3.

You muſt be dextrous in this Science, it may be of excellent Uſe; *Cyril* the Patriarch of *Conſtantinople* was by Calumnie (our old friend) turned out of his place, and almoſt by our Arts ruined.

The *Arians* accuſed *Euſtatius* Biſhop of *Antioch* of adultry, and *Athanatius* Biſhop of *Alexandria* of many other Crimes, to make them Odious; and you know how the Honour and Reputation of many Eminent Perſons during the late troubles in *England*, with this Admirable engine of Calumnie were battered, therefore it is great Wiſdom to be Skilful in raiſing of Slanders, and bold to Proſecute them; for howſoever the wound may be cured; the Scar will ſtill remain.

XXIII. When any unjuſt Action is undertaken and others come into aſſiſtances the better to ſecure them to your party, you muſt enjoyn them the performance of ſome Notorious and Villanous Act; that thereby they may be excluded from all hopes of Pardon.

And we muſt tell you this Maxime hath been well obſerved and practiſed by Antiquity, for there were certain *African* Souldiers who being revolted from the Service of *Carthage* and making War againſt it, and fearing leaſt the Souldiers ſhould be reconciled to *Carthage*, by the advice of *Anthanitus* their General (to prevent all hopes of reconciliation and for their common ſafety) *Gaſer* a great Captain of the *Carthaginians* and their priſoner was put to death; that by ſuch a Courſe every one being ingaged in the action; they might underſtand there was no other hopes left then in Victory alone; Thoſe who aſſiſted *Agathocles* of *Syracuſe* in his Tyrany and in thoſe Murders and Spoyles of his fellow Citizens had no other hope of defence then the ſupport of *Agathocles* himſelf, who had been pertaker with them in their Villanies and Cruelties committed; and indeed the beſt ſecurity that Deſperate men can deliver to each other is to perform ſome ſuch Actions as are equally unpardonable to all; there is no better way to make others Adhere to your fortunes, then by winding their Concernments upon the ſame bottom.

XXIV. When

XXIV. When a perſon is queſtioned for any notorious Villany, which he hath committed, its a ſafe Principle to counterfeit Madneſs, or elſe to give the better countenance to the Action; to pretend Conſcience, or that it was done to propagate the Faith.

And therefore *John de Iſle* did like a Polititian who making an Attempt upon *Henry* the Great of *France* at *Pontoiſe* with a Daggar to have aſſaſſinated him, and being Apprehended and brought before the *Preſident Janim* to be Examined, he told the *Preſident* that he was *King* of all the world; and ſaid that *Henry* the great was an Uſurper, and had taken the Crown from him, and would chaſtiſe him for his Temerity, the good *King* thinking that he was ſufficiently puniſhed by his folly commanded he ſhould only be kept in Priſon; and *Raviliac* who Aſſaſſinated that great *King* pretended that he killed him *in Oraine ad Spiritualia*, and that he himſelf for that Act ſhould receive a *Crown* of *Martyrdom*.

XXV. At all marts of buſineſs you muſt have your Factors though they do not ſeem openly to trade; Secret eſpiels in all places are neceſſary; an *Ephemerides* will be of great uſe to know how the *Orbes* of the Court move; and that you may receive happy Influences from them, you may have intelligence by the aſſiſting *Angells* which give them motion.

XXVI. After you have infuſed principles of Faction and Sedition into the People, then you muſt try how forward they will be for Action; for which purpoſe nothing will be more convenient than the Agitation of Tumults; and the better to raiſe them you muſt have fit and adapted Inſtruments you muſt tell them, if they be not Zealous the worſer partie will have the better of the good partie, and to ſecure and keep the *Mermidons* at your Devotion, they muſt now and anon too, be alarmed with falſe Rumours, ſtrange Plots, and deſigns; they will not only believe ſuch ſtories but fear the events; you muſt yet out nothing but Perſecution Perſecution, O the cruelty of the *Biſhops!* O the Superſtition and Wickedneſs of the *Clergie!* and all this againſt the cauſe of *God*, the ſouls of the true *Saints*, the peace of the Directory and the happineſs of the *Elect* the true Children of *God*.

But if there be any that ſhall take diſtaſt at the Tumults and that they ought to be ſuppreſſed you muſt tell them, that they muſt not diſcourage their Freinds.

Therefore by your arts Tumults muſt be raiſed; for raiſing of Tumults and Diſorders are of excellent uſe to bring confuſion to a *Nation*, and by Conſequence deſtruction to it.

It was truly obſerved by *Taſſo*,

Quando ſia di ſi gran moti il fine,
Non fabriche di Regin, ma ruine,

Thoſe rable factious tumults never mend
A Nation, but its ruin doth portend.

Thus the *Venetians* by the advice and contrivance of our Sacred conclave *Anno* 1648. Procured their great Enemy *Ibraim* to be depoſed and his eldeſt Son *Mahomet* to be ſet up in his ſtead; this Art of theirs coſt the *Prince Viſier* his life, and had almoſt coſt the *Grand Signior* his *Empire*, the *Baſſa* of *Aleppo* revolted, and all *Aſia* fell off, had not the generous *Baſſa* of *Damaſcus* notably met the approching fate, with ſingular Wiſdome and Conduct; and the *Miſſionaries* of our Order did make ſuch Tumults in *Lublin*, *Feroſtane* and in all *Poland* that they had procured the Ruine of that *Kingdome* and we think *England* hath great reaſon to Remember us.

We cannot but Remind you of one excellent Stratagem we had to give trouble to *Rochel* in *France*, that when we could not reduce it to the Obedience of the Catholick Church; we Counterfeited the common Seal of that *Citie*, wherewith we ſigned our Letters (in which were contained ſeveral things deſtructive to the intereſt of *France*) which being intercepted by notice from us, and delivered to the *French King*, procured great diſpleaſure from that *King* to *Rochel*, who immediatly inveſted it with his Army, and brought much miſer y and callamitie to it; how dextrous and Active we have been in contriving and exeeuting diſorders and troubles (to propagate the Faith) *Swethland*, *France*, the Conſpiracies in *England* the tragical end of many Nobles in *Germany*, the troubles in *Venice*, Tumults in *Moſcovia*, diſtreſſed *Hungary* oppreſſed *Styria*, *Carinthia* &c. can abundantly witneſs: you muſt therefore inject ſuch an infection into the Vulgar, that it may riſe into the boyles of ſedition and ſo impoſtumate into a Rebellion: conſider the ingenious and dextrous contrivance of our holy *Conclave*, when we raiſed ſuch diſorders in *England*; that in eleaven years there were ſeaventeen Models of Government and the people there were ſo Zealouſly factions, as if they hadbeen ſo by Predeſtination.

The Tub thumpers and cuſtin dufters in the late Diſtempers there, when the *Popes* bellows to enkindle Flames, and the lungs of the *Vatican* to breath out Sedition, and being agitated by our Emiſſaries did highly promote the *Catholick* intereſt, You muſt therefore make it your ſtudy to impregnate the fancy of the Zelots with Enthuſiaſticall Conceptions, Extatical raptures, and with a holy Flatus, this will make their immaginations turgent and ſo apt to long to execute any deſign that the *Lord* ſhall put into your Hearts.

What a glorious thing was it to see *Thomas Anello* a poor Fisher-man to rule in *Naples*? and *Spain* in the time of *Charles* the Fifth, to be Governed by *Bodadilla* a Cloth-worker at *Medina del Campo*, and by *Vellaria* a Skinner in *Salamanca*? Was it not admirable that *John* of *Leyden* a Taylor should be declared King of the *Universe*? these were the offals and rubbish of mankind, and the by-casts of fortune, yet raised to that *Meridian* of glory by the *Sagacity* and Artifice of our sacred Colledge.

Was it not wonderful that Nol Cromwell *should be made Protector of* England.

27. Sow what differences you can between great Persons, by that means they may be drawn into Faction to Espouse a bad quarrel to work their Malice; or their private injuries will break out into Hostility to the disturbance of the Publick, as the *Venanides* and *Caravaiales* two Noble Families in *Castile* did; the difference between the Duke of *Matalone* (Chief of the Carasses) and Prince of *Sanza*, had almost endangered the Kingdom of *Naples*; and upon what reason the Earl of *Essex* Headed a Rebellious Army in the late Troubles of *England*, its well known.

28. Giving out of News sometimes may to good purpose be Practised; therefore you must have a Mint to coin such News as may be currant and Serviceable to your Ends; and careful to dispierce it, for many times false News to drive on designs; may be as useful as false Prophets were in the Kingdom of *Israel*.

Papers and Books must be carefully Spread abroad against Popery; Arminianism, Arbitrary Power, grievances and in disfavor of the Government in Church and State; nothing will prevail more with the many for they will believe any thing they see in Print.

How Doctor *Layton's* Book called *Sions Plea*, wherein he called the then Queen of *England*, the Daughter of *Heth* a *Canaanite* and Idolatress, did gain upon the People we need not tell you.

There were others then which did admirable service to his Holiness, by the Books they Published, therefore you must be always provided with some Factious and Seditious piece to set forth; as occasion shall require, and then you must have an answer ready to it; one may cry it up, onother decry it, (the better to make a Noise and buoy up Schism, or Faction) nay the same Person may be *Pro* and *Con* if they please, as father *Parsons* (with good success) many times was; this will amuse People, and distil principles of Faction and Sedition into them, and so prepare them for a Rebellion; you must be another *Peter* the Hermite, to blow the Trumpet to a holy War, it will be Meritorious to be a leader in the Spiritual Camp; therefore let it be your Study and care to, toll the People into Sedition and Faction, and so to their slavery and destruction, as the Py'd Piper did the Children and Rats of *Hamel*; *England* is a great Animal, it will never die except it destroys it self; Sedition and Schism are the best Engines to effect it.

When you come into any Heretick Country, the first things which you must be sure to gain, are liberty of Conscience, and liberty of the Press; by the first you have an Opportunity to blow Fears and Jealousies into the Peoples Heads, and to Collect several distinct Clans, and holy Clubs, to the disturbance of the Publick Peace; by this means you may settle an humor in the People of railing against the Male-administration of affairs; of Villifying the Supream Powers, and may so Spirit them, that they will be like the *Neapolitan* Courser in *Boccalin*, always ready to cast his Rider; or like *Giotto's* Assistill smelling after new Governments.

By the ſecond you have the means of playing the *Ambodexters*, one while taking part with the Conformiſts, another while Vindicating the Diſſenters.

29. Dangerous Enterpriſes, the more they are thought on, the leſs hope they give of good ſucceſs, and therefore Conſpiracies not ſuddenly executed, are for the moſt part diſcovered and laid aſide.

30. It will be great prudence to reduce Heretical Churches to the obedience and Subjection of that of *Rome*, the beſt *mediums* to effect it, muſt be to deface the glory of them with calumnies, telling the People that the Doctrine thereof is Heretical, the Ceremonies are the Liveries of Antichriſt, Patches of Popery, Epiſcopacy, and the Service-Book (where they have them) the two Plague-ſores of the Church, the Clergy idle, Canonical ignorant, and drunken Common-Prayer-Book-men; this will take well with the People, for in the late Troubles in *England*, when the *Pſudo* Zealots planted the Artillery of their depraving tongues againſt that Church, you know what good ſucceſs they had, they converted their Churches, in many places, into Stables, and the Fonts were the Wells where they watered their Horſes, the Pulpits were the Pantries where they hung up their Meat, and the Communion Tables the Dreſſers upon which they joynted it.

The Revenues of the Church muſt be taken from it, (ſo the glory of the Church will be rendred contemptible by its Poverty) and the Clergy muſt be put to Penſions; by that means none ſhall get preferment but thoſe who will hold forth what their Pay-maſter ſhall think fit, and by their Preachments gain Proſelytes to any who ſhall get uppermoſt; this beyond *Archymedes* Engine will advance the Catholick intereſt.

You muſt be careful to hinder and prevent Catechiſing (for nothing can be more deſtructive to our intereſt) as it hath been happily neglected or laid aſide for ſome years, to the great benefit of the Catholick Church; you muſt mount your Batteries againſt Epiſcopacy (which is the only Screen againſt Schiſm) and the Biſhops which are the Pillars of the Church, muſt be pulled down as rotten and uſeleſs Poſts. You know it was a declared Maxim of King *James* of *England*, *No Biſhop, no King*; ſo if you ruin the firſt, deſtruction will preſently attend the latter. Howſoever, be ſure to take away their Votes in the Houſe of Peers, and then you may deal with them as High-way-men do with thoſe they intend to Rob, firſt Gag them, and then take away what they have, but theſe things muſt be acted covertly; it's no prudence to declare the deſign at firſt; a plauſible pretence is half a Conqueſt.

And to deal truly with you, there cannot be a better way to deſtroy the Church of *England* than to convert the *Britiſh* Monarchy into an *Amſterdam* Common-wealth; his Holineſs never had ſuch an Harveſt (as in the late diſtempers in *England*) when it was ſo, the ſpiritual Seeds-men did then diſſeminate ſuch principles that they ſprouted and came up ſo prodigiouſly (as like the Souldiers of *Cadmus*) they were paſt all reſiſtance, and yet none know how they took root; the Church of *England* (which is the only fortreſs againſt the Papal Intereſt) by your arts muſt be branched out, and Cantonized into as many Minute parties and Sects of Religion as may be; this once effected, it will be hard in few Years to tell which is the Church of *England*, neither party being Subordinate to one another, and the Religionaries being ſo Sedulous to gain Proſelites, and

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the affections not only of the common People, but of the Gentry and Great Ones, that it highly pleaſe us to conſider what will be the reſult and conſequence; therefore be ſure to cry up Liberty of Conſcience (if Unity and Uniformity be eſtabliſhed we are all undone) Petition for a Toleration of it (Petitioning being the Saints Birth-right) if you be any waies denied it, or have not a ſpeedy remedy you muſt take the cure into your own hands; but be ſure you be-ſpatter thoſe of the Clergy which will not joyn with you to advance the glory of the Catholick Church, and render them contemptible to the People (this done, that which they ſhall Preach will be ſlighted) for theſe are the Spectacles which give them a ſight and knowledge of the Truth; therefore if you will commit a Rape upon the Body of the Church, you muſt firſt put out the Lights, as others have done upon the like occaſion at their Meetings.

Howſoever Liberty and Toleration (the Idol of the People, but indeed the Popes Mouſe-trap to catch the ſimple, being ſet up) the Catholick Religion will undiſcernably get footing amongſt them; and many of them ſeeing the Madneſs and Iniquity of their own Factions and Sects, will hate them, and run from them as far as they can, and ſo be Catholicks before they know where they are.

And all the Factions being in a ſtate of Hoſtility amongſt themſelves, and labouring to ſupplant each the other (as without doubt they will) the State will be thereby much enweakened, and any Catholick Prince may attempt on it: But remember, if you cannot eſtabliſh the Catholick Religion, that you hinder all others by your Arts from ſetling.

31. When the People by your Sagacity and Contrivance are multiplyed into Parties and Factions (the better to Diſtemper and Diſorder the Nation) you muſt attempt to ſet up that Glorious Idol (the great *Diana*) of Reformation; or elſe you muſt by your Artifice cauſe ſomething to be impoſed upon them which may be ungrateful to them; as the *Engliſh* Service-Book was to our good Brethren in *Scotland*: Every Sect, like Tinder, will be ready to fire at the firſt touch; one Faction is the beſt Engine to ſuppreſs another: The *Presbyterians* (which are a great Party) if wiſely managed may be employed to reduce all the other (with Promiſe of Eſtabliſhment of their Religion) (though without any intent of Performance) which being effected, the other Sectaries muſt be Countenanced and made uſe of to give a check to the Prevailing Party, they will be true to the Intereſt, and faithful to the Service, and nothing can be more acceptable to them than to be Revenged of thoſe who have been their greateſt Perſecutors. You ſee how the Church, with a Feather from the ſame Wing, may be Wounded; and a Coal from the Altar may make a Combuſtion in the Church and State.

32. The better to Seduce the People (which are as Tools to the Mechanick) and to drive on your Deſigns, you muſt compoſe your ſelves to all Popular Courſes; you muſt teſtifie a great Zeal for Religion, Careſs the People, ſome muſt be cajoled with fair and ſplendid hopes, others whom you may adjudge fit for buſineſs, and whoſe Slavery may be bought with Profit (when the Catholick Intereſt ſhall be eſtabliſhed) are to be preferred to ſuch an ſuch Places; and to all you muſt uſe proper Attractives (ſpecious in words, and void of any Reality) by thoſe Glorious Pageants the Catholick Intereſt will be Aſcendant, and the Yoke of Slavery will be bound to the Peoples Necks the ſtronger.

To gather Hands and Subſcriptions is a good way to make your Party the more unanimous, and to draw many well-meaning People to be your Diſciples; thereby you may ſee, as in a Political Glaſs, the ſtrength of your own Party; then you may clamour for Juſtice, and to have that effected which you had in Projection, as it hath with good ſucceſs been Practiſed.

And we muſt tell you, that the Catholick Religion can never be eſtabliſhed in *England* upon a firm Baſis, except you firſt introduce there an Arbitrary Power, which may be effected by this Medium; there are three States in the Parliament of *England*: Firſt, Lords Spiritual, which are the Biſhops; Secondly, Lords Temporal; Thirdly, the Commons of *England*; if you can by your Arts ſeclude the Biſhops (as the Non-conforming Brethren have a good mind to it) then as the King and two States excluded the third State, ſo the King and the Lords may exclude the Commons; this done, the King and one State are remaining, he may at pleaſure diſmiſs the Lords, and ſo make himſelf abſolute; for be aſſured, as long as the three States continue in the Parliament, Popery can never receive any growth in that Kingdom.

You ſee what an excellent thing it is to be well ſeen in this art of State-craft; the knack of Petitioning may with good advantage be practiſed in many caſes, for from the contrivance of three or four Privado's, like a Multiplying-glaſs you may produce many thouſands, which will give a great Countenance to many deſigns.

The People if well inſpired may be taught by their Petitions to ſpeak or deſire any thing. It will be prudence in you, if there be a Petition on foot, for any thing which may be prejudicial to your intereſt to frame a Counter-Petition, as they did in *England* in 1642, when ſome Petitioned the Parliament there for peace; the Godly Party preſently drew a Petition againſt it, and the better to encourage the Subſcribers, gave the poorer ſort of them twelve pence apiece, which was prudently contrived by our Sacred Council; what good effects it had *England* can tell you.

33. To ſtrengthen your own Party, and to weaken the Addreſs, you muſt work off as many as you can from them to your own ſide; which may be effected by proffering greater advancement and noble Rewards to them which ſhall adhere unto you.

The Emperour *Charles* the Fifth, being deſirous to alienate the affection of Pope *Leo* the Tenth, from *Francis* the Firſt of *France*, obtained his ends by promiſing Cardinal *Julio de Medicis* a yearly Penſion of 10000 Ducats to be paid to him out of the Archbiſhoprick of *Toledo*, and by giving *Alexander de Medicis* a Penſion of the like value in the Kingdom of *Naples*.

The Marquels of *Mantoa* being General of the *Venetian* Army againſt *Ludovick* Duke of *Millan*, was drawn off from their Service with greater offers and a larger Penſion than he had of the *Venetians*.

Therefore if perſons of the greateſt Quality have been bent to be catched with the Golden Hook, never deſpair to win and change the affection of meaner perſons, eſpecially ſuch as are ambitious of Preferments, greedy of Rewards, or have taken occaſion of diſcontent, there is nothing ſo hard but that pernicious metal Gold will penetrate. You know what excellent effects it had at *New-Caſtle*, which was contrived by *T. C.* the Cardinal's Secretary; this is the beſt Intreſt to invite thoſe who ſeek after

ter Prey. This made *Pigmalion* King of *Tyre*, kill his Brother-in-law *Sicheus*; for this *Achilles* ſold the Corps of valiant *Hector*; and this, though upon an Aſſes back, will take the ſtrongeſt City in *Europe*.

Deſtruction ſurer comes, and rattles louder out of a Mine of Gold than one of Powder.

34. The Brethren of the Congregations, if you take your meaſures rightly, may be prevailed with to concur in any action with you.

For *John Calvin* confirmed his Presbyterian Diſcipline in the ſame year that *Ignatius Loyola*, the firſt glorious Founder of the Jeſuits, was choſen the firſt General, *viz.* 1541. and juſt a hundred years after 1641. did the *Calvaniſtical* Proſelites (being agitated by our Miſſionaries from the ſacred Conclave) make and create that confuſion and calamity in the Church and Kingdom of *England*, as you all well know. And as theſe Orders took their riſe together, ſo they have gone hand in hand in many things ever ſince; we agree in killing and depoſing of Kings; they are all againſt the King's having any power in Spirituals, and many of them againſt their having any in Temporals; and they give as blind an obedience to their Rabbies and Teachers as we give to his Holineſs.

Therefore to make them your own, and to execute your deſigns the better, you muſt vomit out Flames and Sulpher againſt the Pope, declaim againſt Popery and Biſhops; cry up Liberty of Conſcience, and decry Idolatry and Superſtition; you muſt inſinuate to them, that their Religion and Laws are in danger, and Arbitrary Power with a ſtrong hand is coming to enſlave them; you muſt feed them with ſtrange fears and jealouſies ſtrongly fomented and agitated by unheard of Plots, ſet on foot to deſtroy Religion and the Nation.

And the better to encourage them, you muſt tell them, that now is the time to retrieve the good old Caſe; and if the *Scots* and *Picts* warred for a few Dogs, *Charles* Duke of *Burgundy* and the *Switzers* for a Cart-load of Sheep-skins, how much are they concern'd ſtoutly to ſtand for their Covenant. Inſinuate to them that they are obliged to renounce their Baptiſm before their Covenant, theſe are excellent Topicks, and will be Muſick and Charms to their enchanted ears. By this means we ſhall gain as many Proſelites as the Devil in the Northern Coaſts doth Subjects, by making them invulnerable; and then you may infuſe and diſtill what Doctrines or Principles you ſhall think fit, into thoſe holy and inſpired Veſſels.

35. You muſt ſtudy to deboach the People, teach them to contemn God, villifie the ſupreme Magiſtrate, and to hate all Religion and Juſtice (as you have made a fair progreſs to your eternal Glory) then they are capable (as ſoft Wax) of any impreſſion; you may gradually infuſe the principles of the Catholick Religion into them, that which they refuſed to cloſe with in the groſs, they may receive by retail; and be aſſured when an Inſtrument is diſtuned, you may ſet it to any Key; proceed in this holy work, we dare promiſe you the Popes bleſſing. Catholicks muſt be now in the predicament of action, for they have been too long in the Category of paſſion; if the People will not be ſeduced by the Canon Law, they muſt be reduced by the Law of the Cannon, therefore you muſt, like the Statute of *Apollo*, have a Lance in one hand, and a Harp in the other, that is, courage to awe on the one ſide, and ſweetneſs to oblige on the other; the World is but a frame of Engines, whereunto you muſt be the Wheel.

36. If any Kingdom (whoſe Subjects are Heretical) ſhall deſcend or come unto a Catholick Prince, the Hereticks there are to be rooted out; and all Laws or Edicts made in favour of their Religion, muſt be nulled and reſcinded, as reproaches and ſcandals to the Catholick Church; therefore *Ferdinand* Arch-duke of *Auſtria* did like a great and worthy Prince, when on the Eighth of *December* 1609. by his Edict he commanded all the Churches and Houſes of the Hereticks in his Dominions to be deſtroied and blown up with Powder; the dead Bodies of Hereticks to be digged up and burnt, which, to his great renown, was accordingly executed. But it will not be ſafe to baniſh or ſuppreſs all Sects at once, that may exaſperate and unite them all againſt you; but it's to be done gradually, beginning firſt with the Quakers (who are like a Taylors Gooſe, hot, but heavy) then with the Anabaptiſts (which are the very Scavengers of Schiſm;) after them, with the Independants, and then with the Preſbyters; thus you may ſafely act, for all theſe Sects do perfectly hate one another, and each will be pleaſed at the baniſhment or deſtruction of thoſe they hate; and the remaining Party (the other Sects being baniſhed or deſtroyed) will not be conſiderable in power to give any great trouble or make reſiſtance; thus our ſacred Colledge in *Moravia*, *Anno* 1622. firſt began to baniſh the Anabaptiſts, then the Calveniſts, then they thruſt out the Lutherans; howſoever remember that your Laws againſt Hereticks be writ in blood not in Milk; and thoſe Hereticks which are obſtinate and will not ſubmit to the Catholick Church, let them wear the *San Benito*; you muſt be ſevere in the diſcipline, otherwiſe they will never be reduced.

The San Benito is a yellow Garment, with a Red-croſs before and behind, painted full of Devils Faces; a thing of the greateſt reproach and diſhonour that may be.

37. The Catholick Religion, if it cannot be introduced into Heretical Kingdoms or Dominions by the means and arts aboveſaid, it muſt be eſtabliſhed by an Army, Fire and Sword.

Scilicet Hereticos ferro, flammaque petendos
Stat Capitolini ſententia fixa Tonantis.

It will be a great Inſtance of your wiſdom and care of the Catholick intereſt, to have a conſiderable body of an Army in pay to execute your deſigns, as the Jeſuits by their dextrous management have had in *Hungary*, *Bohemia*, *Poland*, and other parts; you may be ſure, that when you ſhall break out into action (the Kingdom and Dominions being debauched, as above directed) all the Bravo's, Hectors, Atheiſts, Debauches, Hadlanders, and Need-mites will join with you in hopes to better their condition, which muſt needs be a great Party.

The better to ſtrengthen your ſelves and Party, it will be prudence, as the Congregators did in *Scotland*, to Aſſociate and enter into a Covenant, that whoſoever ſhould moleſt, trouble, or hurt any of their Members, the fact ſhould be reputed hainous againſt the whole body of them all; by this device you will get to your Party many perſons who are indebted, and Male-contents, which will make uſe of this Doctrine by way of Protection. That your intereſt may be the more ſtrengthened in the Country, you muſt give Offices and Employments of truſt to all thoſe of your own Party, or which are diſcontented with the preſent Government; by this trick you may twiſt your obligations ſo cloſe together, that you may make good uſe of it afterwards, as it was dextrouſly contrived in the late

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Troubles 1641. in *England*; therefore it's obſervable how careful we have been to reduce Heretical Kingdoms and States (for the good of their Soulls) to the Catholick Faith.

38. When the People have ſuffered and been oppreſſed by Male-adminiſtration of ſome chief Favourites and Councellours to the Prince, it hath been the practice amongſt Princes to preſerve themſelves from popular diſpleaſure, to deliver them into the hands of the People (to be made Monuments of Juſtice) as the Authors of all their Calamities and Miſeries. Thus *Tiberius* dealt with his Favourite *Sejanus*, *Henry* King of *Sweden*, with *George Preſton*, and *Nero*, with *Tigellinus*. But in caſe any great Miniſter of State (who is looked upon by the People to be the ſource of all their Miſery and Infelicity) ſhall be impeached by your Inſtruments (of which you muſt alwaies be provided) you muſt inſinuate into the Prince, that it's not ſafe to ſuffer ſuch a perſon to be raviſhed from him, if he doth he will never have any to ſerve or adviſe him, or to ſtand up for his intereſt; ſuch or the like inſinuations muſt be uſed, which may work upon the Prince, if he doth not give a compliance to his People, it may beget a diſcontent in them, if not, a Rupture: what advantage his Holineſs will make by fiſhing in troubled Waters, your own experience can tell you.

39. When any action is deſigned or committed, which may be fatal or deſtructive to the publique, ſome Holy Brother, or other perſons of eminence muſt be employed (which have power with the People) to excuſe, or cry it up; or at leaſt, to put ſuch a good colour and varniſh upon it, that the People may not be diſtempered at it.

The Duke of *Buckingham*, and the learned Dean *Richard Shaw* defended and juſtified in *Guild-hall*, *London*, and at *Paul's Croſs*, the unlawful and tyrannical Uſurpation of *Richard* the Third. The Duke of *Burgundy*, who unjuſtly murthered the Duke of *Orleans*, fearing he might juſtly purchaſe the diſpleaſure of the *French* King, and the hatred of *France*, employed *John Petit* a famous Divine, not only to excuſe, but alſo commend and allow the execution thereof in many publique Sermons.

Nay, let the Enterprife be never ſo pernicious or monſtrous, it will find ſome Advocates to defend it. Did not his Holineſs Pope *Sextus* the Fifth, commend the Murther of *Henry* the Third of *France*, and that it was an action well-pleaſing to God, and that the Fryer was ſet on work by divine Inſpiration. Did not *Milton* and *Goodwin* commend the Murther of the late King *Charles* the Firſt of *England*? And the *Pariſian* Maſſacre, *Anno* 1572. wanted not Defendants; therefore dwindle not away your time in pettie hazards; lay nothing at ſtake but Kingdoms and Principalities, and ſuch as may add glory to the *Vatican*; to do otherwiſe is but *Phrygian* like to play an after Game; the gallantry of that *Spaniard* was excellent, *Hagaſe el Milagro Ybagato Mahoma, Let us have our deſires, though the Devil or Turk be our Inſtruments or Aſſiſtents.*

We do therefore earneſtly commend unto your care, that when you have grand Villany in deſigns, that your Inſtruments to effect it, be ſuch as have been trained up in the School of Iniquity, and well practiced in Wickedneſs; otherwiſe, if they be not fitly qualified, to propound any notorious action to them; it will be a *Mormo* to fright them, whereas to one that is thorough paced in wickedneſs, it will ſeem and be embraced as a meritorious act; for people are firſt to be well inſtructed in the Ele-

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ments of Villany, before they be Graduates and commence in Iniquity: they muſt be taught to digeſt Mites before they will ſwallow Camels; therefore it was well deſigned to propound to *D.* the killing of *S.* before the Aſſaſſination of King *Charles* the Second of *England*; for by doing the one he had been well prepared for the acting of the other; and in caſe he had refuſed to commit the Aſſaſſination; then you might ſafely have diſcovered the Murder, for the Criminal after the Villany done for ever is your Slave or Sacrifice, but diſhoneſt and baſe minded men, ſuch as have cheated the State, are the fitteſt perſons to be confided in, and to Aſſociate with in danger.

40. If you have any thing in projection, which may raiſe any fumes of Jealouſie in the heads of the People, it will be prudence in you to make ſolemn Vows and Proteſtations to them of the candor and integrity of your actions (let your intentions be what they will) there are many good natured people who will believe you: you muſt learn to guild over your actions with holy Profeſſions and good words, as Pyhſitians do their Pills, that they may be ſwallowed the better; you muſt not be like the People of *Quinbaja*, and other parts of *Peru*, which have their heads in their Breaſts; for then your tongues would be too near your Hearts; you muſt be ſure to keep them at a diſtance.

Imitate the prudent Fox who profeſt he came only to hear the Cock ſing, but when by his craft he had once got hold of him the caſe was altred.

41. If publique preſures or affronts be done unto you, its ſafer to diſſemble your diſpleaſure then to ſally into paſſion; by the firſt you may obtain your ends: but by the laſt you will aſſuredly be diſappointed; Study the buckler as well as the Sword, ſo you will be as good at ſuffering as at acting; but be not indebted unto any man in injurie: make preſent payment if poſſible, and with full intereſt, if you be not powerful enough to contract the might of his Power; its prudence to uſe all induſtry to gain his favour, this will remove all Suſpitions and jealouſies and give you means to work your ends upon him.

Ceſar Borgia did his buſineſs better by lulling *Vitellus* a ſleep, then to hazard all with the Chance of Fortune; though *Lewis* the 11th. of *France* did perfectly hate *Charles* Duke of *Burgundie*, yet he held a good Correſpondency with him and carried fair, but imployed others privatly to work his Ruine.

42. Its not ſafe to Communicate your deſigns or ſecrets to any but to the greateſt confident, for if they which are concerned will give, your deſigns are certainly betrayed, therefore give no Faith to the promiſes of any Man; for believe us, one Perch of Performance is worth the whole Land of Promiſe; and if any Perſon ſhall come to the knowledge of your deſigns from whom there is fear of diſcovery, he is to be done to Death; *Charles* the ninth of *France* cauſed a Gentleman a great favourite of his Brother the Duke of *Anjou*, to be aſſaſſinated becauſe the King perceived that he had a Suſpition of the intended Maſſacre of the *Hugonots*; therefore truſt none without the Sacrament for ſecrecy (which is ſufficient tye upon the Souls of ſuch Perſons as have any ſenſe of Honour or Taſt of Heaven) but in Caſe any Perſons ſhall be Queſtioned as Conſpirators in the Plot; and ſhall therefore be Senteneed to Death (let them be never ſo guilty) they muſt at their Execution profeſs their Innocency to the People: call

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God and Angels to teſtifie their integrity; and that they are as Innocent as the Child New Born. And this is to be acted with the greateſt Aſſeveration and Proteſtations Immaginable, and to that purpoſe certain formularies may be drawn up, and all this may be done or ſaid by them without the leaſt Colour of Sin, if you grant them their Pardon before hand, for their ſo ſaying and doing: this will add much to the Catholick intereſt; for ſome of the People will think they dye Martyrs, and others thereupon may become Proſelites to the Catholick Church; Howſoever many of them will conceive they dye unjuſtly by reaſon of their Proteſtations which they make, and Pious ejaculations which they ſend up to Heaven.

43. Its imprudence to ſtand upon niceties or the Punctilio's of honour, but by any means you muſt attain your ends; therefore *Auguſtus Cæſar* (whoſe Ambition was the Empire) generouſly entred into the Camp of *Lepidus* (who had the guard of *Rome*) and ſeized upon his Perſon, deprived him of all his Honours, and confined him to the City, though he was his Confederate and Triumvirate; it was no blemiſh to *Cæſars* Honour, becauſe it was in order to his Grandeur, for all remorſe and Impediments which have not the way to the main deſign are to be removed; *Agathocles* being Prætor of *Syracuſe*, and intending to make himſelf Prince thereof, aſſembled the People together, and the *Senate* of *Syracuſe*, as if he had ſomething to adviſe with them belonging to the Common Wealth; upon a ſign given cauſed his Souldiers to kill the *Senators* and the Richeſt of the People, and ſo gained the Principalitie of that City to himſelf; it was an act of great Glory, and will triumph in the Annals of the World; if *Alexander* had boggled at invading other mens Kingdoms, he had never wept for the Scarcitie of Worlds.

You muſt not ſtand upon thoſe trifling things Conſcience and Honour; there is nothing more unhappy or unproſperous to great undertakings than a Coy and Squemiſh Conſcience: acknowledge no honeſty or Religion but what is Subſervient to your deſigns; the more execrable Villanyes you act, it will paſs amongſt the rabble for Extraordinary Zeal; and you will be looked upon as a ſingular worthy, whom God had raiſed up to ſupport the cauſe: your Conſcience like *Fortunatus* purſe muſt be full of Gold and Self-ends; if you will have your name ſwell and look Big in the Rolls of fame, you muſt be bold and daring; in the middle courſe there is no glory nor ſafety, a fortunate wickedneſs is a vertue; and a ſin robbed with Succeſs deſerves a triumph.

The foundation of *Rome* was Rapine, the ſuperſtructures Ambition; and the Walls of it were Cemented with Blood: and ſhall the Church there be leſs glorious having ſo many bleſſed means? the moſt crimſon and Scarlet ſins (being acted in *ordine ad Spiritualia*) add beauty and luſtre to it, and will be looked upon in the *Ethicks* of that Church as Cardinal vertues; therefore take all opportunities to advance your deſigns; and where you do not find opportunities your wiſdom muſt make them; make no criticiſm between juſt and unjuſt, they are but the Needle work of Idle Brains; he that is in the high way to Honour, is never out of the road to Juſtice, and you know, *Qui aver le profit, aver le honeur*; *Cæſar* himſelf in order to a Crown ſlighted thoſe Oathes by which he had obliged his obedience to the Roman *Senate*; and thoſe who Maſſacred 70000 Proteſtants in *France* on Saint *Bartholomews* Day though they were Gueſts invited, received the Popes thanks, and were rewarded with

many of his Spiritual graces: The firſt ſteps to power are always the moſt difficult, but when that is once entred on, there will not be wanting means and inſtruments to increaſe and eſtabliſh it.

44. All Children (which poſſible) are to be Spirited, and ſent into *Seminaries* beyond Seas; ſo careful hath his Holineſs been, that there are five Colledges erected for the Inſtructions of the *Engliſh*. 1. At *Doway*. 2. At *Rome*, erected by Pope *Gregory*. The 3. At *Valladolet* in *Spain*, erected by King *Philip* the Second. 4. At *Lovaine* in *Brabant*. 5. At *Rhemes* in *Campaine*, by the Duke of *Guiſe*. When they are perfectly Inſtructed in their Arts, then they are to be ſent back into their own Countrey to give Intelligence of the Affairs there, and to gain Proſelytes to their Church, and to turmoil the State as they ſee Occaſion.

45. It's our Glory as well as our Duty to advance the Catholick Intereſt; you muſt inſinuate your ſelves into the Courts of Princes, under them get ſome Office or Employment; if you cannot by your Arts effect that, then you muſt place your ſelves in the Service of ſome great Perſons, as Grooms, Butlers, or Coach-men, or get to be Teachers in ſome Separate Congregations (as there are many of our Society amongſt them) you muſt appear great Zelots and Profeſſors; you muſt Learn the knack of Canting, be well ſtudied in the Mummery of the *Quaker*, the Gibberidge of the *Anabaptiſt*, and in the ſeeming Sanctity of the *Independent*; you muſt cock your Eyes, put on a Mortified Countenance, and whine to the well-affected People with abundance of *Ha's*, *Oh's*, and *O's*; you muſt tell them, that what you declare unto them, is agreeable to Gods Secret Will, but touch not upon the Revealed, for the moſt prime Saint underſtands that well.

And we muſt tell you the Tone, Whining, Geſticulations, and a Countenance with a Religious wry look like a *Perſian* Alphabet, will more influence the Rabble, than the Learning of St. *Paul*, or the Eloquence of *Apollo*.

And the better to advance your Deſigns, you muſt now and then appear to be tranſported into Fits of quaking and tremblings, into raptures, extaſies, and abreptions of Mind, as that good Man, Major *Weier* did in his Field Conventicles in *Scotland*, the Illuminated Brethren will preſently believe that you have the income of the Spirit, which will be an excellent Magnetiſm to make a ſtrong Verticity in them to the point of any Deſign.

46. You muſt inſinuate your ſelves into the Richeſt People, and eſpecially into Women, who are eaſily ſeduced, and then their Husbands and Children muſt be Ruled by them, and if there be occaſion, they will ſerve you to their very Bodkins and Thimbles, as you have had Experience in the late Troubles in *England*: You muſt fix your ſelves in the moſt Opulent and Rich Towns and Cities; for you may obſerve the Prudence of the Whigs in *Scotland* (our fellow-labourers) who have with much diſcretion Planted themſelves in *Fife* and the Weſt of *Scotland* (as the Non-Conforming Miniſters have done in *London*) where many Rich Traders and Heritors Live: But for the *High-Lands*, and other poor Countries in *Scotland* and *England*, their Souls are not worth the whiſtling or owning for want of Silver and Gold: When you have gotten a Reputation, for your Godlineſs and Zeal every Family will think it ſelf Sanctified with your Spiritual Converſation, and will requite you with white and yellow Bleſſings.

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47. Set up as many Teachers as you can, the greater the Number of them, the more Proſelytes they will gain; Court the Rabble, and you will never want Diſciples, and they being once inſpired, you may Command them upon any Deſign, as *Ericus* (*Ventoſi Piler*) King of *Swedland*, did the Winds, by turning off his Cap. By this means you may much advance the Apoſtolick See by giving Intelligence to the Superiours, for the managing and betraying of all Deſigns, as they pleaſe. And remember that you Ruine thoſe you cannot Proſelyte.

But in caſe all fail, then you muſt be able to work upon ſome Trade, of which there are upwards of 3000 in and about *London*, which are looked upon as Phanaticks, but in reality they are Jeſuites and Prieſts; nay, ſome part of their Congregations are *Romaniſts*, though the reſt know it not, which are taken to be Godly and Holy Profeſſors: You know Father *Brown* the Jeſuit, who Preached ſeven Years to the Whigs in *Scotland*, was looked upon as a Godly and Zealous Man, yet he declared at his Death, that he had Preached to them at their Field Conventicles, as down-right Popery as ever he Preached in *Rome*.

48. Be continually deſigning, ſomething may happen by chance beyond expectation; the Ape little thought by putting on his Maſters Cap, to Cure him of a Pleuriſie: *Domitian*, rather than deſtroy nothing, would kill Flies; it's better to play ſmall Game, than ſet out; when there are many Male-Contents in a State, ſome Accident or other may be every day expected; but put it amongſt the Memoires of your Cabinet, that what you cannot do by fair Compliance, you muſt effect by the Sword; therefore the Reſolution of Pope *Julius* the Second was admirable, who being diſpleaſed with *Lewis* the 12 of *France*, and Marching out with an Army againſt the *French*, took St. *Peter*'s Keys and hurled them into the River *Tyber*, ſaying, ſince St. *Peter*'s Keys will not quiet mine Enemies, I'le try what St. *Paul*'s Sword will do: For though Wiſe Actions are begotten under *Mercury*, yet in caſe of Oppoſition, they muſt be brought forth by aſſiſtance of *Mars*.

Let Intereſt be the Card by which you Stere, and the Apoſtolick See the Harbour to which your Deſigns do arrive.

It's a good piece of Prudence to Stere your Deſigns according as the Wind ſits for moſt Advantage: Thus *Æneas Sylvius* wrote many things before he was Pope, which, when he had once obtained the Triple Crown, he cenſured as dangerous, ſaying, *Pius* Condemned that which *Æneas* thought good.

49. Penſioners about Great Perſons muſt be made, for they are the fitteſt Inſtruments to facilitate or promote any Deſign; without them we are little better than a Bird without Wings: If we manage our Deſigns dextrouſly, all Places of Truſt and Dignities may be diſpoſed of according to our pleaſures, and conferred upon ſuch Perſons as will beſt ſerve the Catholick Intereſt; *Pillulæ Aureæ* are the beſt Phyſick, for they ever work ſafely, and will remove all Obſtructions; therefore it muſt be your care to have a good Fund and Bank of Money to Reward Perſons for ſecret Services, and to Recompence all Informers, Spies, Agents, and Intelligencers to betray their neareſt Friends and Relations; remember that Intelligence is the right Eye of Prudence.

50. Faith is not to be kept with Hereticks, for in every Contract there muſt be *actus contra actum*, or *quid pro quo*; and as Hereticks have no Faith

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to give, ſo no Faith is to be kept with them; if therefore any Proteſtants upon ſome Promiſes to them made, turn Papiſts, you need not perform with them, but they are to be told that they might well content themſelves, and thank his Holineſs that their Souls were brought into a ſafe Religion: And Hereticks are no otherwiſe to be dealt with, than we deal with Children or Mad-men, give them fair Promiſes (till we get the Sword or Knife out of their Hands) without any regard of Performance. You know Queen *Mary*, when ſhe was like to be laid aſide for her Religion, what great Matters ſhe Promiſed the *Suffolk* Men, if they would Arm in Favour of her, which they did, but being aſcended the Throne, ſhe never kept her Faith with them, but there were more of that Countrey Suffered for their Religion, and were undone, than of any other County in *England*.

And *O. Cromwel* never kept any Oath or Proteſtation, when it was for his Advantage to break them; it's for Merchants to keep their Word and Promiſe, not for you, who muſt make it your chief End to propagate the Faith.

51. If you have committed any diſ-ingenious or Villanous Act (though in order to propagate the Faith) if it be decryed, the better to clear your ſelves, and preſerve your Reputation, you may ſafely charge ſome Heretick or Schiſmatick with the Fact (you know the Cuckow lays her Brood in other Birds Neſts.) Therefore *Creſwell* and *Curtis*; Jeſuites who were Active and great Inſtruments of the Maſſacre in *Paris*, obſerving that the Fact was abominable and abhorred by many, they very ingeniouſly laid it to the Charge of Queen *Elizabeth* of *England*, and the *Calveniſts* there.

The Powder Plot (which was the work of Darkneſs) coming to light, the Jeſuites very diſcreetly caſt the whole Deſign and Contrivance of that Plot upon *Cecil*, the then Secretary of State, and it was managed with that Art, and had ſuch a handſom Gloſs and fine Paint put upon it, that at this day ſome look upon it as a Political Scare-crow, and others do not believe that there was any ſuch Plot.

When *Francis* the Second of *France* dyed, the Emiſſaries of our Supream Council gave out (contrary to the Opinion of the Phyſitians) that he was Poyſoned by the *Hugonots*, which was done to render them odious, and that they might the better drive on their own Deſigns.

We muſt tell you, that you have Acted beyond a Prodigy, in caſting the Infamy of the laſt Plot of killing the King, and ſubverting the Church and State of *England*, upon the *Presbyterians* there, who (by reaſon of their former Acting) in the Judgment of ſome Perſons do not ſtand very clear, but do conceive that they have caſt the ſcandal upon the Jeſuites, that they might be looked upon as great Patrons and Aſſertors of the Publick Liberty, and ſo come into Play again themſelves, that they might Act the ſame things, by other Arts and Methods.

52. If any Diſcontent happen between an Heretical King and People, it muſt be your care and ſtudy to boyl it up to that height, that it may eaſily turn into a Rebellion. Zeal is the Flint, and Ambition the Steel, out of which the ſparks thereof do firſt kindle; when they begin to Arm, mix your ſelves with the Souldiers on both ſides, ſo you may by your Arts continue the War as long as you pleaſe, and commit what Spoils and Plunders you ſhall think fit; you may betray Towns and Caſtles, Ruine Churches (to propagate the Goſpel, as it hath been formerly done) and

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deſtroy Hereticks and Schiſmaticks, as the Jeſuites did in *Moravia*, *Bohemia*, *Auſtria*, *Styria*, *Hungaria*, and *Poland*, to their great Commendations. But be ſure you deſtroy and ſpoil the Univerſities (which are the Seminaries of Hereſie) as the Holy Fathers the Jeſuites did *Caroline* Academy near *Prague*, and one at *Vienna* ſometime before; you muſt encourage the young Souldiers in Chriſts Army Royal, to Fight the Lords Battel, and to be forward to ſhew their Zeal to the Good Old Cauſe, and their Countries weil-fare; you muſt declare unto them the Plots and Contrivances of their Adverſaries to have introduced Popery and Tyranny into the Kingdom.

But howſoever let the Good Old Cauſe be the general Doctrine, Fight manfully, the Exhortation, kill the Heir, and take Poſſeſſion, the uſe and application of all: Make the Hereticks believe they do God good Service in deſtroying one another: This Holy Rhetorick and Goſpel encouragements are beyond the Influence of a *Teleſ-man*, and the beſt Philter for a Rebellion.

You muſt appoint your General in this Spiritual Warfare, and the better to carry on the work of the Lord, we do Adviſe you to Conſecrate him, as we uſually do ſuch Perſons as are by us Ordered for the Murdering or Aſſaſſination of a King or Prince, the Formulary whereof is as followeth: *Go on, thou Elect Son of God, take here the Sword of* Gideon, *the Sword of* Jeptha, *the Sword of* Samſon, *the Sword of* David, *the Sword of the* Maccabees; *go on, thou Bleſſed of the Lord, be of good Courage, and the Lord ſtrengthen your Arm.*

This done, you muſt cry up the Intereſt of the King or Prince, and declare what a great and Glorious King you will make him; but when you have Foraged the Nation, enriched your ſelves, and impoveriſhed all, then you muſt ſo order your Affairs, that the People may prevail; then the King or Prince, contrary to all your Vows, Proteſtations, and Covenants (which you have made) muſt be called *Coram nobis*, his Power and Revenue muſt be dwindled to nothing, his beſt Friends and Adherents muſt be Ruined; but if the People will have a King, let him be like *Sancho Panco*, who was made Governour of the Iſland *Barataria*, but had no Authority or Power; you may ſuffer him to wear a Sword by his ſide, becauſe he is a Gentleman, but not upon any occaſion whatſoever to draw it, hang a Lock at his Hilt, but keep you the Keys.

Thus our Brethren in *Scotland* (being influenced by Miſſionaries from our Holy Conclave) took all Power of Arms into their own Hands, becauſe, as they rightly declared, the Kings Caſtles and Strengths are the Keys of the Realm, and they knew no Reaſon to the contrary but that they might keep their own Keys; therefore though you give him the Name of King, yet take all Authority to your ſelves.

If at any time the Prince hath Occaſion for Moneys to ſupport the Honour and Intereſt of the Nation, deal with him, as others do with their Children, giving them Gold in a Box, which they muſt not finger, only pleaſe themſelves with its ratlings; by this means the People may make themſelves a Negative Vote in Peace and War, which may be of good Advantage to us.

But if you do give Money, let it be upon ſome grand Conſideration, that the Prince may part with ten times more of his Royal Power and Rights of the Crown than the Money is worth; by this Art, you will ſo clip and pare the Prerogative, that in a ſhort time he will be a *Ludovicus Nihil*, a *John Sans terre*, or at the beſt, a Duke of *Venice*: For the Prerogative and Liberty of the Subjects are like unto two Buckets in a Well, as one goes up, the other comes down.

It will be Prudence in you to imitate the crafty Fryer, who deſired to his Dinner only the Liver of a Capon, and a Roaſted Piggs Head, knowing full well, that if he got thoſe, he would not want his part of the Pig and Capon too.

If the Laws of the Land be not extenſive enough for to ſerve your purpoſes, you muſt piece them out with Arbitrary Ordinances and Marſhal Law (as they did in the late Troubles in *England*) which was then grown to that height, that the Council of War, General and Judge Advocate of the Army did uſually ſend forth Inſtructions to ſtay Suits, and releaſe Judgments at Law, or elſe to attend the Council of War whereſoever they ſat, or to ſhew cauſe to the contrary; and they were Obeyed, when the Ordinances and Commands of the Judges were neglected and ſlighted.

But all this you muſt Act under pretence of Conſcience, Chriſtian Liberty; and for the eſtabliſhing of Property in your Goods and Eſtates, good and holy pretences will juſtifie the worſt Actions, therefore it will be requiſite to put a fair Complexion on all your Enterprizes; ſome Holy and Evangelical Doctrines muſt be thought on which may ſerve as an Umbrella to all your Deſigns: It's a great Advantage to be a good *Hocus Pocus* and Spiritual Jugler.

But in caſe you cannot effect your Deſigns, then let ſome Neighbouring Catholick Prince be called into the Aſſiſtance of the Weaker ſide, and ſo both Parties will become a Prey to him, and by that means the *Roman* Religion may be eſtabliſhed. The *Phœnicians* and *Bœotians* having Wars between them, the *Bœotians* being diſabled, prayed in Aid of *Philip* of *Macedon*, who came with his Army, waſhed the Countrey of the *Phœnicians*, and reduced them to Servitude, and gained to himſelf the whole Countrey of the *Bœotians*; this may be to good purpoſe Practiſed: It's not *tanti* to the *Vatican*, who is Supream, ſo he be for the Catholick Intereſt; as for the το πλῆθος, or Common People, they will choſe rather the preſent State with Security, than to recover the old with Danger; you may

may with a little Rhetorick perſwade them to be quiet, telling them they are deſigned to defend the Capitol.

53. If any Perſon be a great Favourite to a Prince or People, if he be not a Friend to the Catholick Intereſt, he muſt be taken down, and removed out of the way under pretence of ſome Honourable Employment; then by your Segacity you may either caſt him from his preſent Honour, or elſe he may be made leſs Potent, or ſome Friend to the Sacred Colledge placed in his room; therefore *Auguſtus Ceſar* Acted like himſelf, when he perſwaded *M. Anthony*'s abſence from *Rome*, to go into *Egypt*, it was to bring him into Contempt, and Uſher in his Ruine. And nothing did more contribute to the Dignity and Grandeur of *Agathocles* in *Syracuſe*, than when by his Arts *Seſoſtratus* was removed from thence, who was the greateſt Obſtruction of his Deſigns. The Prudence and Sagacity of *Francis Stozza* was very commendable (and in many caſes to good purpoſe may be practiſed by you) who being deſirous to remove *Troilus* and *Peter Brunorus*, two Eminent Commanders, from the Service of *Alphonſo* King of *Naples*, framed a Letter, in the end whereof he willed, that without delay they ſhould put in execution the Conſultation which had paſſed betwixt them; which he conveyed in ſuch manner, that it fell into the Hands of the King, who underſtanding the Contents of it, ſent them thereupon as Priſoners to *Catalogne*: By this means he deprived himſelf of two Excellent Commanders, and gave his Enemy that contentment which he looked for.

54. If there be a Heretick Prince who hath Faithful and Prudent Servants about him, by your Inſinuations and Arts they muſt be brought into diſfavour, and ſo removed, by this means you will aſſuredly bring Ruine and Deſtruction to that Prince.

The Emperour *Valentinian* having cauſed *Ætius* his Faithful Servant to be Executed, he was himſelf in a ſhort time after ſlain by *Maximus*, a *Roman Patrician*, whoſe Treacherous Attempts, during the Life of *Ætius*, were ſo over awed, that they durſt never offer ſo much as once to ſhew themſelves. And King *Richard*'s Baniſhing of *Mowbray* upon the difference between him and *Bullingbrook*, was his own Depoſing.

55. Change and Alteration in Government muſt be made gradually, you muſt cunningly temporize, and ſuffer the People inſenſibly and by degrees to drop into Slavery, and not Oppreſs them all at once, as *Julius Ceſar* did; they muſt be bound by Benefits, or by ſeverity made ſure from Offending.

And the only Courſe to make Greatneſs ſtand firmly, is to receive extraordinary Power under a Title not offenſive; therefore *O. Cromwell*, that great *Muſtapha* of Sedition (though an eminent promoter of the Triple Crown,

Crown, and our great Friend) would not receive a Crown himſelf, or admit of the Name of King (for that would have diſobliged his own Party) but the ſpecious Name of Protector to pleaſe the Rabble.

And the better to ſecure your ſelves from Factions and Conſpiracies, you muſt rather fear thoſe to whom you have done over great Favours, than thoſe you have much injured; for theſe want Opportunity, the other do not; and the Ambition of Command is always as much or more than the deſire of Revenge: But never truſt any you have injured, for a Lion is a Lion, though he ſhrinks up his paws.

56. Count it better to be Succeſsful than Juſt. *Rome*'s Second Founder, *Camillus Scipio*, that great Scourge of *Carthage*, was Diſgraced, and *M. Coriolanus* Baniſhed, only becauſe their Worth and Vertue had lifted them above the Ordinary pitch of Subjects.

There are not two more Fortunate Properties, than to have ſomewhat of the Fool, and not too much of the Honeſt. Remember Count *Gundamore*, how he managed the Catholick Intereſt with King *James* of *England*. If you be truly juſt, Living amongſt ſo many Men which are unjuſt, you will aſſuredly be Ruined.

It's a great Inſtance of Wiſdom, and ſometimes the beſt Expedient to promote Deſigns, to Act the Part of a Fool, by that means you lie out of the reach of Jealouſie, and none will ſuſpect you; be ſure to keep Formality above board, but your Prudence under deck; make not your ſelves a Body of Cryſtal for others to look through you; but be like a Coffer with a double bottom, when others look into it, being opened, they ſee not what is within it on the ſudden and at once: Never open your ſelves but with an half light, and for Advantage; *Giges* Ring was his Wiſdom, whereby he underſtood others, and was reſerved himſelf. If my Shirt, ſaid *Metellus*, knew my Mind, I would burn it. Before I told you of this, I was Emperour; but now you are, ſaid *Charles* the Fifth, when he diſcovered his Deſigns upon the ſeventeen Provinces, to his Friend the Duke of *Luxenburgh*.

If you have employed any Perſon in a Miſchievous Deſign, if he doth not effect it according to your deſires, or there is fear that he will Diſcover it, your ſafeſt Courſe will be to give him a Baccado. You muſt not perplex your ſelves with any Niceties of Conſcience; if it be to propagate the Faith, it's Juſt; and a Noble Action is its own Herald: Therefore if you will have the right Knack of doing buſineſs, you muſt eaſe your ſelves of thoſe two grand Remoraes to all Honourable Undertakings, Religion and Conſcience. Hold nothing Impious or Wicked which is for the Advantage of your Deſigns. We muſt Commend the Generoſity and Heroick Genius of the Noble *Parthians*, who acknowledged no Honeſty or Religion, but what was for their Private Intereſt. Father *Richard Walpool*, a Jeſuit, employed *Squire*, *Anno* 1595. to Poyſon Queen

Queen *Elizabeth* of *England*: But for ſome Months hearing no News of the Queens Death, *Walpool* ſuppoſing that *Squire* had doubled with him; thereupon, to be Revenged of him, he ſent an *Engliſh-man* to inform the Queen of the Conſpiracy of *Squire* to Poyſon her (though *Squire* was very Active to effect it, and had purſued his Inſtructions) *Squire* was thereupon ſeized, and Confeſſed the whole matter, for which he was Executed. This was looked upon by the Sacred Colledge as a Prudent and Righteous Act in *Walpool*, and he had their Reward and Commendations.

57. Predictions and Propheſies are of Admirable Uſe to deceive the People, and ſerve Ends; therefore ſuch Predictions muſt be framed as may accommodate Deſigns, and pleaſe Vulgar Fancies, and your ſelves muſt be the Oracles: The People are to be made believe (as you may put any thing into their Creed) that Heaven is of the Plot, and concerned in the Enterprize for their good. Thus *Lyſander*, projecting the change of Government of *Sparta*, would engage the Gods in the Deſign, and corrupted the Prieſts to forge Oracles for the ſame. *Catiline*, to inflame *Lentulus* to Burn *Rome*, fed his Ambitious Soul with ſome dark Oracle out of the *Sybils* Leaves: The Multitude will eaſily comport with that Deſign, which they believe had ſome Signature from Heaven, and is influenced from above: If Succeſs doth attend but one Prediction, it will give Credit and Reputation to the reſt, and make them all Authentick. And ſometimes the Vulgar, who are more Superſtitious than Religious, will themſelves either find or frame a Prediction for every great event.

How patiently did the Citizens of *London* ſuſtain their Loſſes, and the Burning of the Metropolis of *England*, when they Read it was fore-told ſo many Years before, and by conſequence Predeſtinated?

Therefore you muſt be well furniſhed with thoſe or the like Tools upon all Occaſions, for they are of ſingular uſe to manage any Deſign: How was *Oliver Cromwel* influenced to aſcend the Throne, when the Oracle (*Noſtradamus*) inſinuated to them,

Le Roydes Iſles ſera chaſſe par force
Miſa ſon lieu qui de Roy ne aura ſigne:

A King of Iſlands ſhall be Baniſh'd, and
An Upſtart Jack *by force ſhall Rule the Land.*

That Image of Wax, or Head of Earth, framed by Necromancy (in King *Richard* the Second's Reign) at *Oxford*, which at a time ſpake theſe words,

Caput decidetur, Caput elevatur,
Pedes elevabantur ſupra Caput.

The Head ſhall be cut off, the Head ſhall be lifted up;
The Feet ſhall be lifted above the Head.

Had wondrous effects; and be aſſured nothing is more capable of deluſion than the Vulgar, if you know their Genius rightly, and Prudently to manage them. And you muſt know, that doubtful Oracles are always Interpreted to the deſires of the Intereſted Faction: That dubious Letter,

Edwardum occidere Nobite timere bonum eſt;

To kill *Edward* do not fear is a good thing, was ſo well underſtood by Sir *Thomas Gourney*, Sir *John Maltravers*, that the Murder of *Edward* the Second was Reſolved.

But whenſoever you have deſigned any Notorious Villany, as the Aſſaſſinating of a Prince, or Firing of a great City, or the like, you may with good ſucceſs fore-tell, that about ſuch a day it will happen out, and come to paſs; as *F. Cammolet* Propheſied when he had deſigned the Aſſaſſination of *Henry* the Great of *France*, that in a little time, the King will be ſlain. And the fore-telling of the Conflagration of *London* (when it was contrived by our Sacred Conclave) was well Acted; and be aſſured that the Jeſuitologers can more certainly Prognoſticate the Death of any Prince, &c. than any Aſtrologer; therefore you muſt apply your ſelves to this Art, for it will make you conſiderable in the World, and Men will think that you are of the Privy Council to Heaven, and like *Moſes*, had been with God in the Mount; howſoever you will be looked upon as Oracles, and the Rabble will bow to your Wiſdom, and Sacred Spirit of Prophecy. The fore-telling by his Holineſs of the Victory gained by the Chriſtians at the Battel of *Lepante*: And the defeat of the *Scots* Army at *Preſton*, by *James Michael*, purchaſed them a very great Reputation, and their Memory will be Celebrated by Poſterity for it.

FINIS.